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This report presents the results of an architectural survey and evaluation of historic resources for the proposed SR 1 Federica Interchange project. The research design for this project called for the evaluation of two properties within the APE, the Wix/Robbins Property (CRS # K-6740) and the Langrell Property (CRS # K-7242). In addition, A.D. Marble & Company was asked to provide CRS forms for five previously unsurveyed buildings in the Barratt's Chapel complex (CRS #K-103.001-.006), as well as a CRS form for the Barratt's Chapel Cemetery (CRS #K-013.006). The Wix/Robbins Property (CRS #K-6740) and the Langrell Property were assessed for their historic and architectural significance, and the resources were documented and evaluated in order to determine their potential eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

With the exception of Barratt's Chapel, no properties within the study area have been previously evaluated for National Register significance (Figure 2). One historic bridge was surveyed in 1980 (CRS # 5652) and determined not eligible for listing in the National Register (P.A.C. Spero & Company 1991). Since the time of the 1980 survey, the bridge, which dated to 1920, has been replaced with a modern, wider structure.

The architectural survey and a review of historic resources indicated that there were two historic contexts that would need to be prepared to evaluate the National Register eligibility of resources in the APE: architecture and agriculture. Since Barratt's Chapel was previously listed in the National Register, a new historic context was not developed for this resource.

As a result of this evaluation survey, priorities as outlined in the *Delaware Comprehensive Historic State Plan* were only touched upon only briefly. In the State Plan, structures associated with agriculture are considered to be "among the state's most vulnerable and threatened historical resources (Ames et al. 1989:83)," and the survey undertaken for this project confirms this. The Wix/Robbins property (K-6740) was at one time a working farm, but it serves only as a residence today. The Langrell Property (K-7242), a non-eligible architectural resource, falls within the Urbanization and Early Suburbanization (1880-1940+/-) period. Although this period

and this type of resource is not considered in the State Plan to be a priority for the Upper Peninsula Zone, priorities and building types such as this one could change as the plan evolves over time, particularly as such building types become more scarce.

Of the three architectural resources investigated for this project, only Barratt's Chapel (K-103) was previously listed in the National Register. Neither of the other two resources, the Wix/Robbins Property (CRS # K-6740) and the Langrell Property (CRS # K-7242) had been previously evaluated for National Register eligibility. As a result of this survey, these two properties are recommended as not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. They do not meet the eligibility criteria established by NPS (NPS 1997). The Wix/Robbins Property (CRS # K-6740) is an example of an altered, late-nineteenth-century dwelling. This former farmstead has lost all of its associated historic outbuildings, including its barn(s). The Langrell Property (CRS # K-7242) is an example of an altered, mid-twentieth-century property within the proposed SR 1 Interchange study area, and it does not meet any of the National Register criteria. Both resources retain integrity of location and setting, but lack integrity of design, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling, and are unable to convey their historical or architectural significance.

As a result of the survey, five additional CRS Secondary Building forms were completed for Barratt's Chapel (K-103): the caretaker's house (K-103.001), the museum (K-103.002), the vestry (K-103.003), and two modern sheds (K-103.004 and K-103.005). Also, a new CRS form was added for the cemetery (K-103.006), and a CRS update form was provided for the chapel. The chapel and cemetery maintain very good integrity, and A.D. Marble & Company recommends that Barratt's Chapel and Cemetery continues to meet the eligibility criteria established by NPS (NPS 1997). The 1972 Barrett's Chapel National Register nomination form does not include a boundary description. Additional areas of significance may also be identified. Barratt's Chapel may have significance in the area of social history, in the continuing function of the church and its recognition as a place of importance to the Methodist Church, and how that significance developed over time. If the proposed undertaking produces visual and/or other indirect or direct impacts, a definitive National Register boundary may need to be established for this resource.

When finalized, the original copies of all CRS forms completed for this report will be on file at the office of the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (DE SHPO).